Homeopathic Council

†3945. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the Act under which the Council of Homeopathy has been constituted;

(b) whether the council is an autonomous body;

(c) if so, the rules and procedures regarding appointments/selection/ suspension of officers of this council;

(d) whether Government propose to include the rules for suspension/ dismissal of officers by reducing its autonomy by amending the Act;

(e) the reasons for provinding assistance to Council through the Act; and

(f) the details of rights of Council reduced through the amendment made in July, 2002 alongwith details of rights being reduced through proposed amendment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Central Council of Homeopathy (CCH) has been constituted under the Homeopathy Central Council Act, 1973. The Council is a statutory body.

(c) The officers of the CCH are governed by the Council's recruitment rules in terms of appointment/selection. The provisions of CCA (CCS) Rules are applied to conduct departmental proceedings including suspension.

(d) The Homeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 provides or constitution of the Council and does not deal with the suspension/dismissal of the officers. There is no proposal for amending the Act to provide for suspension/ dismissal of officers.

(e) There is no provision for assistance to the Council through the Act.

(f) The amendment made in the Homeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 in July, 2002 does not reduce the rights of the Council. The Act was amended to make the functioning of the Council more effective, transparent and accountable. The proposed amendment have similar objectives.

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